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Picture From Left: Alexandra Quinn, Kimberly Bulow, Gloria Vivanco, Jennifer Hill, Yasmin Eid, William Vassios, Chastity Neal, Bradely Bochenek, Professor Aslam (Sam) Shahid, Alexander Sonka, Anthony Kwasek, Trevor Pelock

Rediscovering Titanic

*By Melissa Hall
Editor-in-Chief*

During the summer 2012 semester, Professor Aslam Shahid's Math 392: Calculus III class explored the mystery behind the sinking of the RMS Titanic. Once known as the "unsinkable ship", the Titanic crashed into an iceberg in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean, where it sunk while most of its passengers died in frigid ocean waters.

It has been 100 years since the Titanic came to rest in its watery grave. There have been many theories as to how the ship sunk. Yet, to this day, no one really

knows the truth as to what exactly happened when the Titanic met its end. Using Calculus, Professor Shahid's students worked on a collaborative project to create their own theories on how Titanic sank.

"In 2012, worldwide people in academia, engineers, mathematicians, scale model hobbyists, etc., are trying to figure out how RMS Titanic sank," said Professor Shahid. "As of today, nobody in the world can figure out accurately how the ship sank since pieces of the puzzle are missing."

Professor Shahid said the project required students to engage in critical thinking and

writing across the curriculum, as well as integrate technology into the project. Professor Shahid designed the project to show his class how they could use Calculus to solve real life issues.

"My students learned how to use mathematical approach (Calculus) to solve real world problems," said Professor Shahid.

Professor Shahid received permission from National Geographic Society to use copyrighted materials for the project. In addition, Professor Shahid communicated with James Cameron, renowned film director

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GSU to rock the vote

*By Corrie Gray
Associate Editor*

At this year's convocation, GSU President, Elaine P. Maimon proudly wore a "GSU Votes" button and stressed the importance of civic engagement.

Maimon told the crowd that we all have an opportunity to make a difference. "Without being partisan, we can encourage students to register and to vote," she said.

Accordingly, the college's Student Senate led by Brandon Sanders launched the first ever Rock the Vote campaign at GSU.

In collaboration with the Cook County Clerk, several senators and staff members were trained and took the oath of Deputy Registrars to ensure that

GSU would have the proper tools to register students to vote.

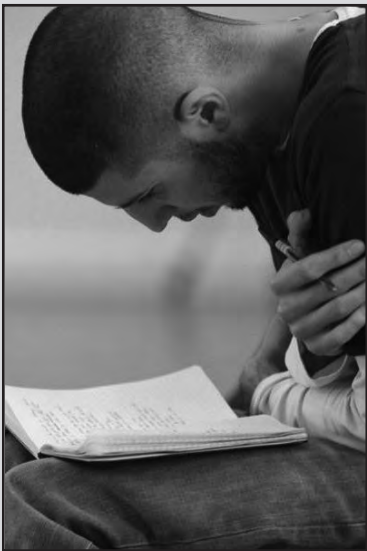
Sanders, who also serve as the university's IBHE representative, would like for everyone to get excited about the process and ultimately get involved.

"Everyone has the right to be heard and what we are doing is making it possible for people to exercise their god given and constitutional rights," said Sanders.

Eric Williams, President of the Student Veterans Association agrees, "We owe a great debt to the people that made voting possible. Voting is a privilege that should not be taken lightly, it should be exercised," he said.

During the Month of September, members of the

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Get an education, not just a degree

By Trent Cason
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How do you get an English major off of your porch? Pay for the pizza.

I see this idea constantly in articles, cartoons and blogs, and it drives me crazy: "A liberal arts degree is useless in this job market."

I don't know if the intended purpose is to scare away potential liberal arts students or to pressure universities to focus more on vocation-specific types of training or just to make people like me furious.

The liberal arts, as I understand it, are a field of academic studies meant to develop the intellectual abilities of the student, as opposed to occupational training, which prepares the student for a specific job.

I'm 30. I've been out there in the job market since I was 18, doing everything from working behind a counter to construction to working on a fishing boat to serving on the ground in Iraq. I don't mind manual labor — I never have — and as such, I will forever have a Plan B that I know won't kill me.

I'm not in college to obtain a degree; I'm in college to obtain an education.

If, after grad school, I find myself back on a building site or back in a uniform, so be it. If that happens, I know I'll have the wherewithal to make the most out of any situation life throws at me. And believe me, life can throw a curveball.

The obsession with the liberal arts degree and the downplay of the education gained is a big problem right now, I think — the idea that it is the degree and not the education that gets a person where they want to be in life. For some professions, the degree is certainly important, but it's the quality of learning that takes place while earning the degree that seems to generally determine how successful one is likely to be.

Of course I want my physician to have a degree from a reputable institution, but more than that, I want him to really know what he is doing. If you haven't had a bad doctor experience, please trust me: Graduation from medical school alone isn't enough. If it was, people wouldn't have the wrong limbs occasionally amputated, or in my case, the wrong medicine prescribed (almost fatally).

The bachelor's of arts today is the vestigial

remnant of the once mighty Trivium (grammar, rhetoric, logic) and Quadrivium (arithmetic, geometry, music, astronomy). Since classical antiquity, this education model has created citizens as opposed to strictly workers. Most of the notable minds we encounter in our studies at the university level had such an education, including almost all of those credited with founding this country, though most of them had law degrees as well.

The result of this kind of educational worldliness, obviously, is the ability to ask and begin to answer questions that are bigger than ourselves and even our societies. The really big ideas don't just occur to people — they are sought out, historically, by people who took the time to train their brains to do the work. Not to say that getting a liberal arts degree will make you John Adams or Thomas Jefferson, but at least you will be able to read their work and follow along.

While degrees shouldn't matter as much as the quality of education, they do in many cases, and a sad reality is still reality: Your bachelor's of arts might not be enough. The same goes for the business majors and the biology majors and everyone else, really.

To be competitive in a non-entrepreneurial setting, it's a good idea to go beyond the four-year degree, even if you have to work while you do it. A minor in a business or computer science field also can help widen your job-searching net. Give yourself as many tools as you can to succeed, but the last thing you want to do is graduate from college having learned to do a job but having failed to learn how to live and what it is that you love.

It's a scary world out there, and graduating into it can be overwhelming. Don't let the fear of not owning a yacht stop you from pursuing what you are passionate about. This country desperately needs many more people capable of thinking on their own, drawing their own conclusions and acting on those instead of what is popular or partisan.

Don't let public opinion convince you that critical thinking and knowledge of humanity are unnecessary and frivolous. On the contrary, you can use those skills and knowledge to adapt to any work or living situation, which in this ever-changing modern economic landscape will be more useful in the long run.

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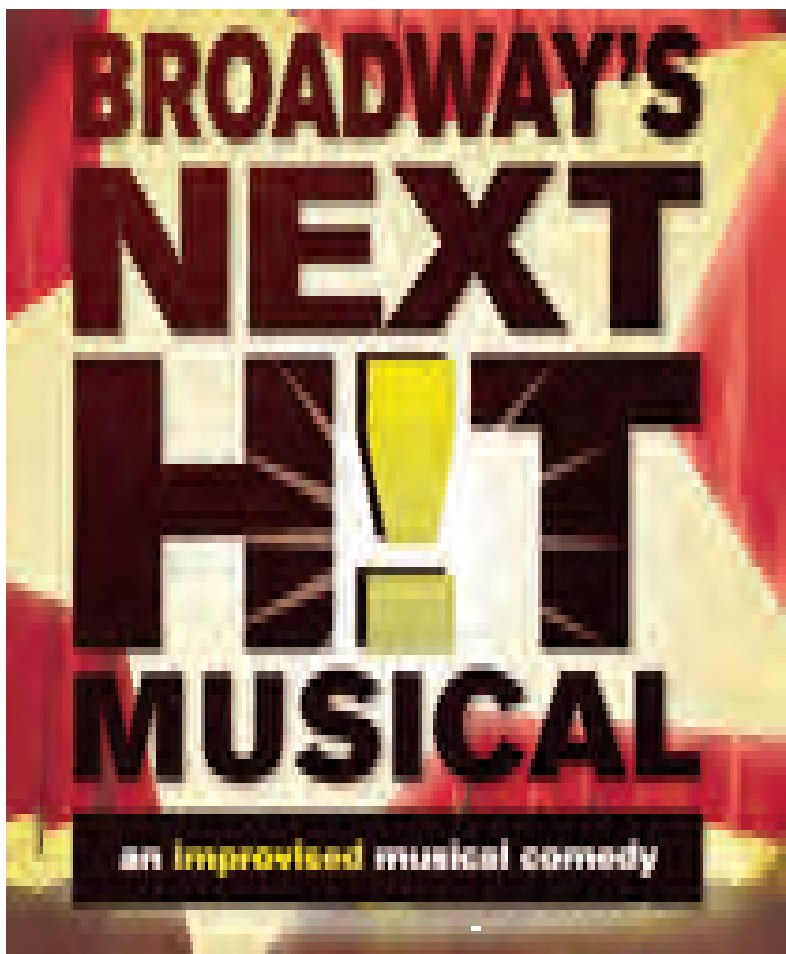


Photo courtesy of GSU View

Broadway's Next H!t Musical Comes to GSU

By Melissa Hall
Editor-in-Chief

With the start of fall semester comes a new theater season at Governors State University's Center for the Performing Arts. The 2012-2013 season officially kicks off on Friday, September 21 at 8p.m. with Broadway's Next H!t Musical.

Theatre-goers who attend the show can expect a fun evening of improvised musical entertainment. According to the Center for the Performing Arts website, www.centertickets.net, "The hysterical Broadway's Next H!T Musical is the only unscripted theatrical awards show. Master improvisers gather made up, hit song suggestions from the audience and create a spontaneous evening of music, humor, and laughter. The audience votes for their

favorite song and watches as the cast turns it into a full blown improvised musical - complete with memorable characters, witty dialogue, and plot twists galore."

The show has received rave reviews from publications such as *Theatreweek* and *The New York Times*. *The New York Post* wrote that the show has, "a spontaneity, wit and inventiveness that must be seen to be believed!"

Ticket prices range from \$15-\$50; however, GSU students can purchase tickets at discounted rates. Student prices range from \$15 to \$25. GSU students can buy up to two tickets for the show at student prices, and receive a 10 percent discount on any additional tickets purchased. Student pricing is not valid for box or platinum seating.

GSU rocks the vote

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senate will be in the Hall of Governors registering new voters and offering change of address services to existing voters who have recently relocated. Voter Registration Applicants must be U.S citizens, 18 years old by the next election, and display two pieces of identification of which one must include the voter's current address.

Interim Assistant Dean of Students, Sharee Sanderson believes that student senators are doing an exceptional job and she applauds them for their hard work and insistence.

"As part of our efforts on civic engagement it is important to educate our students on the importance of voting and understanding the political process," Sanderson said. "Student Senate members have been instrumental in displaying leadership to ensure that our students and the community are connected and informed.

Senate Treasurer, Shawnta Young admitted that working on the campaign

has been both heartwarming and extremely gratifying.

"I have had the opportunity to meet a lot people on campus that I otherwise would never have had the opportunity to meet. I am most excited to see young people like myself registering to vote, the experience really has been heartfelt. GSU's Rock the Vote campaign will culminate with a major National Voters Registration Day celebration that will be held in the Hall of Governors on September 25 from 4pm to 7pm.

"All are welcome to attend a gala event with good food, fun, and surprises, said Senate Secretary," Regina Haynes.

National Voters Registration Day is sponsored by League of Women Voters, Rock the Vote, National Congress of Black Women and Mass Vote.

If students miss the chance to register to vote on campus, they can still register via cookcountyclerk.com.

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of the 1997 movie "Titanic," regarding the class project via Cameron's agent. The input from National Geographic Society and Cameron allowed Professor Shahid's class to use information regarding the Titanic they otherwise wouldn't have had access to. Professor Shahid is grateful for the information the class was able to use because of the input they received from National Geographic Society and Cameron.

"Mr. James Cameron is a very busy and remarkable person. Mr. Cameron's agent was doing email and phone correspondence with me and talking to Mr. Cameron directly about my project. In my opinion, National Geographic Society and Mr. James Cameron were

impressed that my students are using mathematical approach to figure out RMS Titanic," said Professor Shahid.

Students who participated in the project learned how Calculus can be applied in real life. Trevor Pelock, a student in Professor Shahid's class, found the project to be helpful in showing him how Calculus can be used in the real world.

"Personally, I feel like we learned more about how to use Calculus because of this project. I didn't really understand how to apply Calculus to real world situations before I did this project, but this project really showed us how we could use it in the real world," said Pelock.

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-Student Senate Presents-

Voter Registration Drive

September 4 -27, 2012

1pm-4pm

(Monday -Thursday)

Hall of Governors

- » Register to vote on-campus.
- » Check current registration status online.
- » Get answers to common questions.
- » Learn about employment opportunities

AND

- » “National Rock the Vote Day ”
September 25, 4pm -7pm

(Sponsored by: League of Women Voters, Rock the Vote, National Congress of Black Women, and Mass Vote)

For additional information contact Brandon Sanders at bsanders4@student.govst.edu.



What Say U GSU?

What is your favorite class this semester?



“Intro to Communication because it is interesting learning about the process of communication.”

Scott Michaels
Communications Major



“Intro to Public Relations, because I like that the teacher gives real world advice that will be applicable in the future.”

Krista Uppstead
Communications Major



“Social Work and Grant Writing, because it’s taught by Dr. Adele Sanders.”

Robert Bonds III
Interdisciplinary Studies Major



“English-Advanced Composition, because I like to write.”

Ahmad Batroukh
Public Relations Major

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and Technology
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2 to 5 p.m.

Hall of Governors

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Theatre and Performance Studies Coming to GSU

By Melissa Hall
Editor-in-Chief

Are you interested in performing on stage in a play, or working behind the scenes of one? Do you have a passion for theater and the art of acting? Then you will not want to miss out on a chance to learn more about the new Theater and Performance Studies program coming to GSU.

On Thursday, September 27 at 7pm, Dr. Patrick Santoro will hold an informational meeting on the Theater and Performing Studies program in Engbretson Hall, room B1200. The meeting will last approximately a half hour, and students are welcome to arrive

at their convenience. “It’s an informal session to see who’s interested in becoming involved in theatre and performance studies at Governors State,” said Dr. Santoro, an Assistant Professor in the Communications, Visual and Performing Arts department at GSU. The number of students who attend the meeting will help determine the direction the Theater and Performance Studies program takes this year. This includes a spring production that will be performed at GSU’s Center For Performing Arts. If students are interested in the program but unable to attend the meeting, they can get in touch with Dr. Santoro via email at psantoro@govst.edu.

Sustainability conference helps students go green

By Samantha Kaspar
Contributing Writer

Anyone interested in learning what you can do to better our environment, be sure to check out the Student Sustainability Conference hosted at GSU on Friday, Sept 28. It is a free event where you can join students from nearby universities and community colleges in learning what sustainability is and how you can apply it in your everyday life.

After last year’s larger sustainability conference, students requested an event specifically for students, and this will be the first of its kind. “We will focus on suggestions and advice for working with the university to make it more sustainable” said Genny Bosen, Executive Director of the South Metropolitan Higher Education Consortium.

The presenters will focus on topics like recycling, awareness, and maintaining a green lifestyle. Students from nearby campuses like Moraine Valley Community College, Joliet Junior College, and South Suburban College will join GSU in the effort to go green. 12 colleges and universities will participate, and 60 to 75 students and faculty are expected to attend.

Governors State has been going green by starting its green refills policy in the cafeteria this fall and previously installing permeable paver parking lots and using solar power to heat the swimming pool.

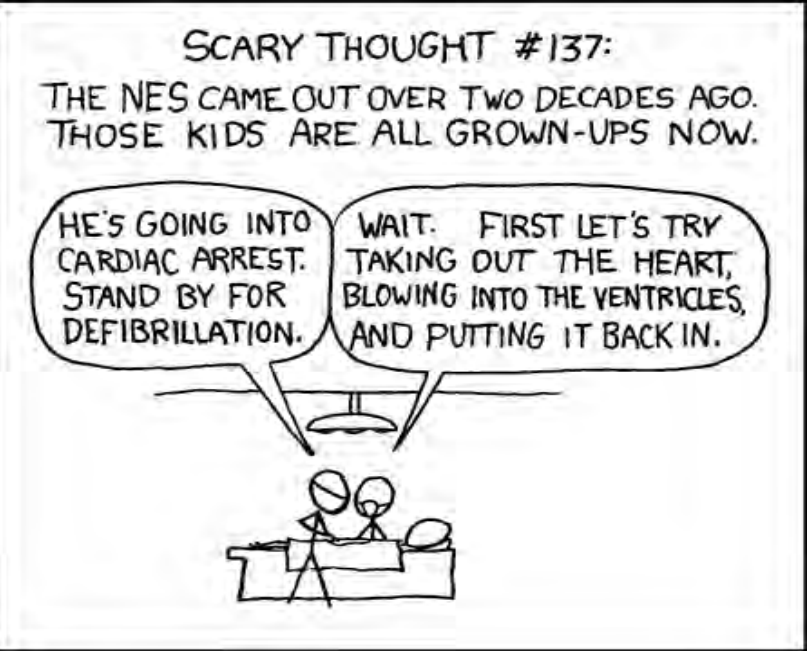
Other schools are also making the effort to green their campus. Joliet Junior College has encouraged recycling by putting bins in the bookstore. They have also eliminated the use of Styrofoam cups in the cafeteria. South Suburban College is moving towards using more recycled paper and purchasing more ecofriendly products.

The conference will be held at GSU from 11:30am to 5pm, and will begin with a locally sourced, organic lunch in the Hall of Governors. To register, visit www.surveymonkey.com/s/studentsummit12 by Sept 25.

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Nintendo Surgeon



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Solutions

Solutions to sudoku from Pg. 8

9	2	5	3	6	1	8	7	4
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Solutions to crossword from Pg. 8

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GSU Happenings

Voters Registration
Through September 25
1 - 7 p.m.
Hall of Governors/
Front Entrance Atrium

Gay Straight Alliance
September 26
3 p.m.
E2590

Broadway's Next H!T Musical
September 21
8 pm.
Center Performing Arts

**Books For Africa
Book Drive**
Runs through 10/1 at 9am
3rd floor,
C wing nursing lab

Walk for Recovery
September 22
Registration – 8 a.m.
Program 9 a.m.
Walk – 10 a.m.
Free
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**Refresh-Revise-Renew
Your Skills**
**Help with Blackboard,
GSU Portal, Online Learning**
October 2
6 - 7:30 p.m.
Hall of Honors
Register gs2u@govst.edu

**Forensics Team
Meeting**
September 25
1 p.m.
Student Lounge

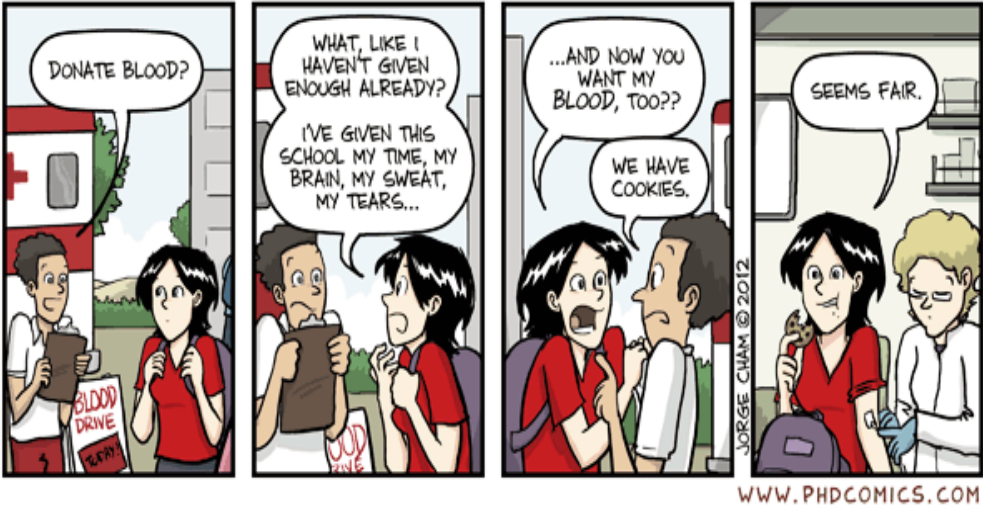
**Hispanic Heritage Month
Movie & Discussion**
October 3rd
Engbretson Hall

**National Voters Registration
Day Celebration**
September 25
4 - 7 p.m.
Hall of Governors

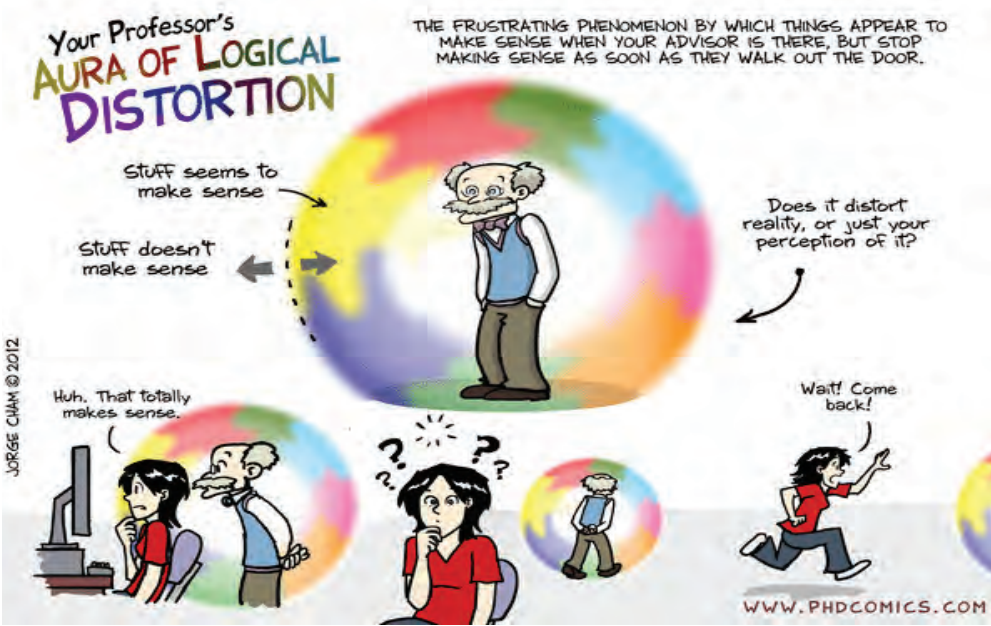
Latin Celebration
Hall of Governors
October 12th

More Comics

And now, they want your blood



Logical distortion



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Crossword

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- ACROSS

 - 1. Highest point
 - 5. Unexpired
 - 10. Achy
 - 14. Entice
 - 15. Redress
 - 16. Found in a cafeteria
 - 17. Standby
 - 19. Border
 - 20. Droop
 - 21. Comment to the audience
 - 22. Operatic solos
 - 23. Melancholy
 - 25. A tart fruit
 - 27. American Sign Language
 - 28. Any hissing consonant
 - 31. Not these
 - 34. Deadly snake
 - 35. Born as
 - 36. Stringed instrument
 - 37. A stringed instrument
 - 38. Stigma
 - 39. "Eureka!"
 - 40. Flow control device
 - 41. The male reproductive cell
- DOWN

 - 1. Bad treatment
 - 2. Artificial waterway
 - 3. Gnatlike insect
 - 4. French for "Summer"
 - 5. Liege
 - 6. Loft
 - 7. Blaring
 - 8. Unerasable
 - 9. Former North African ruler
 - 10. Unsaturated alcohol
- 11. Regulation
 - 12. Indian music
 - 13. Visual organs
 - 18. Lift
 - 22. Dogfish
 - 24. Shocked reaction
 - 26. River of Spain
 - 28. Figure out
 - 29. Close
 - 30. School session
 - 31. Not this
 - 32. Laugh
 - 33. Large long-armed ape
 - 34. Mobile phone
 - 37. Taxis
 - 38. Prod
 - 40. Ampule
 - 41. Tablet
 - 43. Grass-covered
 - 44. Polecat
 - 46. Expire
 - 47. Twangy, as a voice
 - 48. Excrete
 - 49. Cowboy sport
 - 50. Utilized
 - 51. "Your majesty"
 - 53. Arab chieftain
 - 56. Taxi
 - 57. Ocean

Sudoku

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